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Public Utility Commission of Texas
1701 North Congress Avenue
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Re: Tariff Control No. 45584 – *Notice of La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc. for Approval of a Minor Rate Change Pursuant to P.U.C. Substantive Rule 26.171 and PURA Section 53, Subchapter G*

Dear Filing Clerk:

La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc. (“La Ward”) requests that an Errata to the Notice of Approval or a revised Notice of Approval be issued in this docket to include La Ward’s General Exchange Tariff, Section 4, 6th Revised Sheet No. 4-5, which implements the rate increase approved in the docket.

After the Notice of Approval was issued and filed on March 7, 2016, it was discovered that La ward’s General Exchange Tariff Section 4, 6th Revised Sheet No. 4-5 was inadvertently not included in the application filed that initiated this docket. La Ward’s Section 4, 6th Revised Sheet No. 4-5 is the tariff sheet that actually implements the minor residential rate increase for each of the company’s exchanges that was requested and approved in this docket.

As a result of the inadvertent omission of this tariff sheet, the Notice of Approval issued and filed on March 7, 2016 did not include the Section 4, 6th Revised Sheet No. 4-5 in the following tariff sheets approved, effective March 1, 2016:

General Exchange Tariff	Section 4	6 th Revised Sheet No. 4-10
General Exchange Tariff	Section 9	1 st Revised Sheet No. 9-2
General Exchange Tariff	Section 9	1 st Revised Sheet No. 9-3
General Exchange Tariff	Section 9	1 st Revised Sheet No. 9-4
General Exchange Tariff	Section 9	1 st Revised Sheet No. 9-5
General Exchange Tariff	Section 9	1 st Revised Sheet No. 9-6

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Attached is La Ward's General Exchange Tariff, Section 4, 6th Revised Sheet No. 4-5 which was inadvertently omitted from the initial filing. This tariff sheet contains the residential rate increase to \$14.50 for each of La Ward's Exchanges, effective March 1, 2016. It is consistent with the Customer Notice (Attachment A of the Application) that La Ward provided to each of La Ward's customers by mail as a bill insert on January 29, 2016 and comports to the Revenue Impact filed confidentially as Attachment E to the Application.

Since La Ward has already provided customer notice of the residential rate increase and the Notice of Approval approved La Ward's Minor rate Increase on March 7, 2016, La Ward's customer's will not suffer any harm or prejudice with the additional approval of La Ward's General Exchange Tariff, Section 4, 6th Revised Sheet No. 4-5, which implements the rate increase for each of the company's exchanges.

In order to correct La Ward's inadvertent omission of its General Exchange Tariff, Section 4, 6th Revised Sheet No. 4-5 from the Notice of Approval, La Ward hereby respectfully requests that an Errata to the Notice of Approval or a revised Notice of Approval be issued in this docket to include Section 4, 6th Revised Sheet No. 4-5 to the previously approved tariff sheets approved, effective March 1, 2016. This will result in the following tariff sheets being approved, effective March 1, 2016:

General Exchange Tariff	Section 4	6 th Revised Sheet No. 4-5
General Exchange Tariff	Section 4	6 th Revised Sheet No. 4-10
General Exchange Tariff	Section 9	1 st Revised Sheet No. 9-2
General Exchange Tariff	Section 9	1 st Revised Sheet No. 9-3
General Exchange Tariff	Section 9	1 st Revised Sheet No. 9-4
General Exchange Tariff	Section 9	1 st Revised Sheet No. 9-5
General Exchange Tariff	Section 9	1 st Revised Sheet No. 9-6

Please direct any questions regarding this filing to me at (830) 895-7226, or sgatto@gvnw.com.

Sincerely,



Steve Gatto
Authorized Representative for
La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc.

Enclosures

cc: Ms. Terri Parker, General Manager
La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc.

LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE

4. Local Exchange Service (Cont'd)

4.3 Local Exchange Access Line Service - Rates and Charges (Cont'd)

4.3.1 La Ward, Lolita, and Port Alto Exchanges - Local Exchange Access Line Service Rates

Local Exchange Access Line Service-All Exchanges

<u>Class of Service</u>	<u>Res. Rate</u>	<u>Bus. Rate</u>	<u>EAS Additive</u>	<u>ELC Additive</u>	<u>Total Monthly Rate</u> ⁽¹⁾	
Residence, Per Line.....	\$14.50.....		None.....	\$3.50.....	\$18.00	(I)
Business, Per Line.....		\$22.95.....	None.....	\$7.00.....	\$29.95	
DID/DOD Trunk, Per Trunk.....		\$22.65.....	None.....	\$7.00.....	\$29.65	

4.3.2 DID Numbers

Monthly Rate⁽¹⁾

Block of 25 Numbers, Per Block..... \$12.50

⁽¹⁾Service Charges, set forth in 4.3.3 following, are applicable to all Local Exchange Access Line Services.

4.3.3 Nonrecurring Charges

Subsection 5 nonrecurring Service Charges are applicable to all Local Exchange Access Line Services.

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Effective Date:3/1/2016

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Customer Notice

La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc. ("La Ward" or "Company") is submitting a filing with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") to reflect an increase in the basic monthly local access line rate for its Residential customers in all exchanges. These rate changes are in response to a Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") Order that determined that the Company's universal service support would be reduced if its local rates were not raised to meet the FCC determined local rate floor. Therefore, La Ward is raising its local rates to lessen the impact of the FCC's Order. La Ward will also be changing the terms and conditions of its Directory Assistance service and increasing the Directory Assistance look-up fee to \$.75 for each local look-up request and \$.95 for each national look-up request (with no allowance for requests without a charge).

The rate chart below shows the current and proposed new rates and charges. The estimated annual revenue increase recognized by the Company is \$13,192 which is 1.58% of the Company's total regulated gross annual intrastate revenues. The new rates are scheduled to become effective March 1, 2016.

The current and proposed monthly Rates and the charges per request for affected customers are:

	Current	Proposed
Residential Service Rate – 1-Party Access Line	\$12.50	\$14.50
Directory Assistance – Local Look-up Request	\$.30	\$.75
Directory Assistance – National Look-up Request	\$.30	\$.95

The proposed rates will take effect March 1, 2016. Lifeline customers affected by the above-listed rate changes will begin to receive an additional Lifeline Area Discount equal to 25% of the rate increase. Lifeline customers will thus receive an additional \$.50 monthly discount.

If the Commission receives a complaint(s) relating to this rate increase signed by 5% or more of the Company's customers to which this rate increase applies before February 29, 2016, the rate increase will be docketed. The 5% limitation will be calculated based upon the total number of customers of record as of the calendar month preceding the Commission's receipt of the complaint(s). As of December 2015, the 5% threshold equals 34 customers. A request to intervene, participate or for further information should be mailed prior to the effective date to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 13326, Austin, TX 78711-3326 or you may call the Commission's Consumer Hotline at (888) 782-8477 or (512) 936-7120, or (800) 735-2989 for Relay Texas, or (512) 936-7136 for text telephone. For a copy of the tariff pages with the new rates or for further information regarding this rate increase, customers should contact La Ward Telephone Exchange, Inc. at 12991 St. Hwy. 172 S., La Ward, TX 77970 or call the Company at (361) 872-2211 or (877) 872-2213 toll-free during regular business hours.